

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Akio TAKAHASHI

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Appln. No.: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Title: BACKGROUND NOISE ELIMINATING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM REALIZING SUCH METHOD

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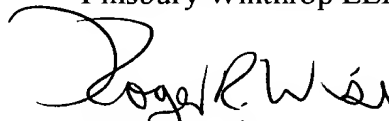
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached is Form PTO-1449 and two references. The attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the subject application and is intended to be in full compliance with the rules. But should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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